

the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9853.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NON-TRADITIONAL MORTGAGE PRODUCTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation, and the Subcommittee on Economic Policy, concluded a joint hearing to examine issues relating to non-traditional mortgages and their implications for consumers, financial institutions, and the economy, after receiving testimony from Orice M. Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, Government Accountability Office; Kathryn E. Dick, Deputy Comptroller for Credit and Market Risk, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and Scott M. Albinson, Managing Director, Examinations, Supervision and Consumer Protection, Office of Thrift Supervision, both of the Department of the Treasury; Sandra F. Braunstein, Director, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Sandra L. Thompson, Acting Director, Division of Supervision and Consumer Protection, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Robert D. Broeksmit, Mortgage Bankers Association, and Allen J. Fishbein, Consumer Federation of America, and National Consumer Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.; George Hanzimanolis, National Association of Mortgage Brokers, Tannersville, Pennsylvania; William A. Simpson, Republic Mortgage Insurance Company, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on behalf of the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America; Michael D. Calhoun, Center for Responsible Lending, Durham, North Carolina; and Felecia A. Rotellini, Arizona Superintendent of Financial Institutions, Phoenix.

INTERNET GOVERNANCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Trade, Tourism, and Economic Development concluded a hearing to examine the future of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) relating to Internet governance, focusing on the Memorandum of Understanding between ICANN and the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from John M.R. Kneuer, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information; Jon Leibowitz, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Paul Twomey, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers, Marina del Rey, California; Ken Silva,

VeriSign, Mountain View, California; and Christine N. Jones, Go Daddy Group, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Mary E. Peters, of Arizona, to be Secretary of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators McCain and Kyl, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

ASIA-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine approaches embodied in the Asia-Pacific Partnership on Clean Development and Climate (the Partnership), which is a Presidential initiative to establish an innovative public-private collaboration for addressing the interconnected challenges of assuring economic growth and development, poverty eradication, energy security, pollution reduction, and mitigating climate change, after receiving testimony from James L. Connaughton, Chairman, Council on Environmental Quality; Bjorn Lomborg, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark; David D. Doniger, Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, New York; and E. Calvin Beisner, Knox Theological Seminary, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

BUSINESS TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine objectives, deficiencies, and options for reform relating to business tax system, focusing on the benefits of simplification and increased uniformity of the federal tax code, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; Robert J. Carroll, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Tax Analysis; Charles O. Rossotti, Carlyle Group, and Thomas S. Neubig, Ernst and Young, LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; David L. Bernard, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Neenah, Wisconsin, on behalf of the Tax Executives Institute, Inc.; and Jeff Johanneson, RSM McGladrey, Inc., Des Moines, Iowa.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Donald Y. Yamamoto, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NATIONAL SECURITY PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of the Office of Personnel Management in the implementation of the Department of Defense National Security Personnel System (NSPS), focusing on the initial phase of the NSPS implementation which is known as Spiral 1.1, after receiving testimony from Gordon England, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Linda M. Springer, Director, Office of Personnel Management; and Lieutenant General Terry L. Gabreski, Vice Commander, Air Force Materiel Command, U.S. Air Force.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2322, to amend the Public Health Service Act to make the provision of technical services for medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments safer, more accurate, and less costly;

S. 1531, to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls;

S. 3771, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act;

H.R. 5074, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 to provide for continued payment of railroad retirement annuities by the Department of the Treasury; and

The nominations of Randolph James Clerihue, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, Jane M. Doggett, of Montana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Andrew von Eschenbach, of Texas, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, Stephen Goldsmith, of Indiana, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Roger L. Hunt, of Nevada, and John E. Kidde, of California, each to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, Lauren M. Maddox, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Education for Communications and Outreach, Eliza McFadden, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, Sandra Pickett, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board, Arthur K. Reilly, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the National Science Board, National Science Foundation, Peter W. Tredick, of California, to be a Member of the Na-

tional Mediation Board, and 256 nominations in the Public Health Service Corps.

TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian tribal self-governance programs, focusing on obstacles and impediments to tribal sovereignty and self-determination, after receiving testimony from George T. Skibine, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Policy and Economic Development for Indian Affairs, and Ken Reinfeld, Acting Director, Office of Self-Governance, both of the Department of the Interior; Delia M. Carlyle, Ak-Chin Indian Community Council, Maricopa, Arizona; Floyd Jourdain, Jr., Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of Minnesota, Red Lake; Melanie Benjamin, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, Onamia, Minnesota; and W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Sequim, Washington.

REPORTERS' PRIVILEGE LEGISLATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine preserving effective Federal law enforcement relating to reporters' privilege legislation, focusing on S. 2831, to guarantee the free flow of information to the public through a free and active press while protecting the right of the public to effective law enforcement and the fair administration of justice, after receiving testimony from Paul J. McNulty, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; Steven D. Clymer, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York; and Theodore B. Olson, Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher, Victor E. Schwartz, Shook, Hardy, and Bacon, LLP, and Bruce A. Baird, Covington and Burling, LLP, all of Washington, D.C.

THE NINTH CIRCUIT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the legislative proposals to restructure the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, focusing on S. 1845, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 2 circuits, after receiving testimony from Senators Murkowski, Boxer, Ensign, and Baucus; former Senator Pete Wilson, Bingham Consulting Group, Los Angeles, California; Rachel L. Brand, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice; Mary M. Schroeder, Chief Judge, and Richard C. Tallman, Sidney R. Thomas, Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain, each a Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; John M. Roll, Chief District Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona; John C. Eastman, Chapman University School of Law, Anaheim, California; and William H.

Neukom, Preston Gates and Ellis, LLP, Seattle, Washington.

AMERICAN LEGION

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion, after receiving testimony from

Paul A. Morin, American Legion, Washington, D.C., who was accompanied by several of his associates.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 6113–6129; and 11 resolutions, H. Res. 1017, 1019–1028 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1018, providing for consideration of H.R. 4830, to amend chapter 27 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the unauthorized construction, financing, or reckless permitting (on one's land) the construction or use of a tunnel or subterranean passageway between the United States and another country; for consideration of H.R. 6094, to restore the Secretary of Homeland Security's authority to detain dangerous aliens, to ensure the removal of deportable criminal aliens, and combat alien gang crime; and for consideration of H.R. 6095, to affirm the inherent authority of State and local law enforcement to assist in the enforcement of immigration laws, to provide for effective prosecution of alien smugglers, and to reform immigration litigation procedures (H. Rept. 109–671).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington.

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Federal Election Integrity Act of 2006: The House passed H.R. 4844, amended, to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require any individual who desires to register or re-register to vote in an election for Federal office to provide the appropriate State election official with proof that the individual is a citizen of the United States to prevent fraud in Federal elections, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 459.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require each individual who desires to vote in an elec-

tion for Federal office to provide the appropriate election official with a government-issued photo identification, and for other purposes." Page H6785

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute as reported by the Committee on House Administration shall be considered as adopted.

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Rejected Ms. Millender-McDonald motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 196 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 458.

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Earlier, Representative McDermott raised a point of order against consideration of H. Res. 1015 pursuant to section 426 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 dealing with unfunded mandates. Representative McDermott then identified the language in the resolution on which he based the point of order. Subsequently and pursuant to section 426(b)(3) of the Act, the House agreed to consider the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 213 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 454.

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H. Res. 1015, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 456, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 455.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on yesterday, Tuesday, September 19th:

Recognizing the centennial anniversary on August 5, 2006, of the Iranian constitution of 1906: H. Res. 942, to recognize the centennial anniversary on August 5, 2006, of the Iranian constitution of 1906, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 413 yeas to 2 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 457; and

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